

REMARKS

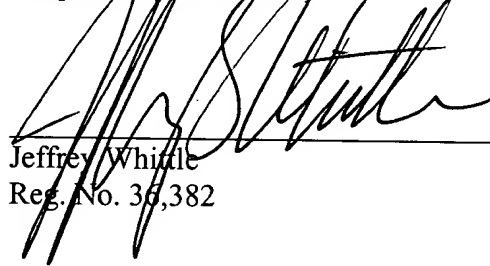
As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgment that Claims 1-20, and 32-37 are allowed over the prior art of record. The Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgment that Claims 23-29 would be allowable if written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant has amended Claims 21, 24, and 26-27, without prejudice, for purposes of expediting the application, only, to place Claims 21-22, and 24-31 in allowable form by amending Claim 21 to include features of Claim 23, Claims 22, and 24-31 being directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 21. Again, the Applicant submits that these minor amendments and corrections herein are all made without prejudice, and that no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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